

The Medical Education Commission

Act 3, H.B. no. 1162 of the 1997 Louisiana Legislature establishes the Medical Education Commission under the Department of Health & Hospitals (D.H.H.). The members are appointed by Louisiana State University Medical Center (LSUMC), Tulane Medical Center (TMC), and Ochsner. Copies of pertinent pages of the bill are appended.

The Medical Education Commission (MEC) shall:

1. Make recommendations to the Secretary of D.H.H. on the distribution of funding for residency positions, residency supervision, and other medical education resources for the hospitals in the health care services division (HCSD) of LSUMC among medical education programs providing services in such hospitals.
2. Analyze and make recommendations to the Secretary of D.H.H. regarding appropriate formulas to be used in its training programs in the HCSD of LSUMC (pages 43 and 44).

D.H.H. purpose and function as stated (pages 47 & 48):

Responsibilities for development, provision and coordination of health and medical services, continuity, allocation, distribution and determinations are ensured. The Secretary shall consider advice by the MEC, the historical distribution of Graduate Medical Education (GME) resources, the long term effect of the allocation of medical education resources to each program, and the clinical workload of each program (emphasis added).

Objectives of the MEC

The MEC should initiate a method to develop and report for its recommendations:

1. Accurate, recurring data on GME
2. A dependable funding source, amount and distribution for the HCSD
3. Cyclical long-term requirements and continuity

The MEC may gather supporting information and comment on:

1. Educational excellence
2. Workforce production
3. Fulfilling HCSD objectives for patient care
4. State-wide focus for planning